

DEVOTIONAL / QUIET TIME -- PRACTICE SESSION

James 1:2-7 (NIV)

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does."

Task:

▶ Use circles / underlines / connection lines and arrows / question marks to help determine what God is saying.

▶ Ask questions to help determine how this truth could apply to my life, such as:

▶ How would I define a trial that is being spoken of within these passages?

▶ Is this passage telling me that I could experience joy in the trial?

▶ What is the purpose or result of a trial?

▶ What steps does this passage give me in order to experience joy within the trial?

▶ (How do the words "consider" and "know" add insight into experiencing this joy?)

- ▶ Am I facing any trials where this truth could help me focus more on the power and promises of God?

- ▶ Ask yourself what step(s) will you next take to actually trust in or apply this truth to your life.